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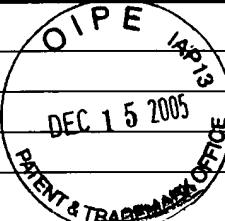
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METHOD OF THE SAME

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This is in response to the Office action mailed October 6, 2005, to which the time for response is set to expire January 6, 2006. The pending claims, claims 19-22, were rejected. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.